

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 25, 2014**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Bruno called the meeting to order and stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting the same on the bulletin board of Town Hall and forwarding a copy to the Courier News and Star Ledger at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting, all in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting will not go substantially past 10:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Delia, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Kingsley and Mayor Bruno answered present. Mr. Hall arrived at 7:05 p.m. Also present was Township Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Township Administrator Linda Cavanaugh and Township Clerk Ana Minkoff.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Bruno asked everyone present to stand as he led the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Delia to approve the following Township Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

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Ayes:	Mr. Delia, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Hall

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mr. Delia reported that Mr. Mazzucco who was on the Fire Department for over 60 years passed away.

Mr. Pirone had nothing to report.

Mr. Woodruff spoke about the County of Union selling Runnells Hospital. He said the County gets kudos for their action but the real challenge comes next in his mind as a taxpayer. This is money that you do not have to expend, but will the county accept the challenge and think about the fiscal concerns of the citizens and perhaps give the money back. We as a group would strongly urge them that they consider this money is a savings and should go back to the people from where it came. Mr. Woodruff continued with his comments.

Mr. Pastore reported the Communications Committee is working together with the school to get the cameras in town hall. They have a meeting scheduled for the week of April 7<sup>th</sup> to finalize and move forward with the project.

Mr. Hall had nothing to report.

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Mrs. Kingsley reported we are down to the 10 day count down for the clock plaques. Anyone that does not purchase the clock plaques before April 4<sup>th</sup> will not have their names on the clock for the grand opening in May.

Mrs. Cavanaugh reported the health insurance fund has implemented a United Health Care Medicare Advantage program for all of the retirees. By moving them to the Medicare Advantage Program the town will save \$46,000.00. Barbara Russo has put a lot of time and effort in on this program and it is a much better plan. Mrs. Cavanaugh reported in detail on the DPW activities and programs that are going on. Mrs. Cavanaugh reported she has been working with Michel Marceau on updating the purchasing policies to improve efficiency and effectiveness. We have also been looking into Gov deals to auction off some of the Township vehicles and other property. Mrs. Cavanaugh also reported a lot of time has been spent on the budget and we anticipate having one more budget hearing before it is put on the agenda for introduction.

Mayor Bruno reported he attended the Freeholders meeting and they announced the potential sale of Runnells Hospital. He added the Freeholders gave a comprehensive presentation. It is not yet a done deal but sale should be complete by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bruno said it looks like secession may be a dead issue we did not get the votes in the legislature we hoped for. Any bill to be presented for a vote must be presented by the party in charge and he doesn't feel Steve Sweeney will propose that bill any time in the future. The dialogue needs to continue to make New Jersey affordable. Mayor Bruno also reported he will be going with the VFW on Friday to serve pizza at Lyons Hospital to the veterans.

Moved by Mr. Pastore to accept and approve the Township Council Reports, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. Pirone commented on the sale of Runnells Hospital in regard to the county taxes we are paying.

A discussion continued on the county taxes.

### **HEARING ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Moved by Pirone to open the Hearing on the Agenda Items Only, seconded by Mr. Hall and upon roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Stephen Yellin of 130 Dogwood Lane referred to resolution #4 and he asked who is conducting the street fair. He was wondering if it will be the same company as last year.

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Ana Minkoff, Township Clerk responded it is the same firm conducting the street fair which is JC Promotions.

Hearing no voices, moved by Mr. Pirone to close the Hearing on the Agenda Items Only, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS- RESOLUTIONS**

**OFFICIAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Mr. Delia introduced the following resolution:**

1. Resolution approving Bill List dated March 25, 2014 in the amount of \$331,649.70.

Moved by Mr. Delia to approve resolution #1, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Mr. Hall introduced the following resolution:**

2. Resolution authorizing a contract with Power with Prestige, Inc. 40 Swartswood Road, Newton, NJ, in the amount of \$84,300.00, for the Emergency Generator Project.

Moved by Mr. Hall to approve resolution #2, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Mrs. Kingsley introduced the following resolution:**

3. Resolution authorizing a contract with Miracle Chemical Company, 1151B Highway 33, Farmingdale, NJ, for 38% Sodium Bisulfite, in the amount of \$6,975.00.

Moved by Mrs. Kingsley to approve resolution #3, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Mr. Woodruff introduced the following resolution:**

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4. Resolution authorizing the second annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair on Sunday, June 29, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve resolution #4, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Council and will be enacted upon by one motion; there will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**Mr. Pastore introduced the following resolutions:**

**(5)**

- a. Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund the following 2014 tax overpayments:  
L. Meyer Schreuders & K. Schreuder                      31 Summit Road                      \$500.00
- b. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Tax Sale Certificate #13-00002T, in the amount of \$14,367.87 to Tax Lien Investors LLC for Block#612, Lot #3.01 located at 532 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N.J.
- c. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Tax Sale Certificate #11-00003T, in the amount of \$24,653.45 to U.S. Bank CUST Pro Cap III, LLC. for Block#801, Lot #25 located at 268 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N.J.

Moved by Mr. Pastore to approve Consent Agenda resolutions #5a-c, seconded by Mr. Hall and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**CITIZENS HEARING**

Moved by Mr. Pirone to open the Citizens Hearing, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Carol Matula of 5 Hastings Road asked Mayor Bruno for more details on the legislative efforts regarding secession. She also asked if the Senator or any representatives have reached out to him.

Mayor Bruno responded no voting has taken place and he doesn't anticipate any voting will take place.

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He also said no one has reached out to him. He sent a letter to the Senator and the other representatives. Mayor Bruno said he anticipates there will be no action taken on our secession movement.

Hearing no voices, moved by Mr. Pirone to close the Citizens Hearing, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Kingsley to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:  
**(7:22 p.m.)**

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Approved: April 22, 2014**